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REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters to you, the most recent being our letter No. 56 dated 24 April 1991, I have the honour to inform you of further violations by Iran of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran. The details are as follows:

1. On 16 April at 1900, 1930 and 2000 hours, armed groups riding in vehicles and motorcycles were deployed and opened fire on Iraqi forward units in the Harithah-Basra area, using machine guns, rocket launchers and mortars. The groups later returned to Iranian territory.

2. In the evening of 17 April 1991, the Iranian army pounded with heavy artillery the district of Abu Khasib (Basra governorate), wounding four civilians.

3. At 2400 hours on 18 April 1991 and 1600 hours on 19 April 1991, a self-contained unit whose strength was estimated at three regiments attacked positions of Iraqi forward units under cover of mortar and rocket fire, concentrating their fire on the Chalamija-Tannouma highway (Basra governorate). At 0130 and 0645 hours of the same day (19 April 1991), a group advancing from Iranian territory fired on positions held by Iraqi forward units with light firearms, rocket launchers, multiple rocket projectors (107-mm) and mortars (120-mm and 82-mm). At 1830 hours Iranian forces sporadically shelled positions held by Iraqi forward units in the same area from the neighbouring region of Shatt al-Arab, using 120-mm mortars.

These new violations following on the earlier violations committed by the Iranian side, in breach of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries, are fresh proof of the deliberate and persistent intention of the Iranian Government to infringe Iraq's sovereignty and security. My country's Government once again affirms that it holds the Iranian Government responsible for all damage sustained by Iraq as a result of these violations.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative